

GUEST SPEAKER

First General Session – Thursday, 2:30 p.m.

Richard Fordyce, Director of Agriculture, Jefferson City, Missouri

Richard Fordyce, a fourth-generation Missouri farmer from Bethany was named Director of the Missouri Department of Agriculture in December 2013 by Governor Jay Nixon. Fordyce has held leadership roles in agriculture on the local, state and national levels for more than 20 years. Since 2008, he has served as chairman of the Missouri State Soil & Water Districts Commission.



Fordyce received the 2012 Soil Conservationist of the Year award from the Conservation Federation of Missouri. He has held leadership positions with the Harrison County Farm Bureau, including serving as its president from 1993 to 2010, and has been involved on various boards and committees of the Missouri Farm Bureau and the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Other organizations that Fordyce has held leadership positions in include the National Biodiesel Board, the Missouri Soybean Merchandising Council, Agricultural Leaders of Tomorrow, University of Missouri Extension and the Northwest Missouri State Fair. He is also one of only three directors from Missouri on the United Soybean Board.

He has served his community as a member of the South Harrison R-II School Board, on the Green Hills Regional Planning Commission, on the Sherman Township board of trustees, and on the Community Foundation of Northwest Missouri. Fordyce also has served on advisory groups to Cong. Sam Graves and former U.S. Senators Kit Bond and Jim Talent.

Fordyce and his wife, Renee, grow soybeans and corn as well as raise beef cattle on the family farm in Harrison County.

MISSOURI AGRIBUSINESS ACADEMY

The Missouri Agribusiness Academy program began in 1987. Sponsored by the Missouri Department of Agriculture, the program provides 30 Missouri high school sophomores a chance to explore the vast agribusiness resources of our state. Academy members are selected through a competitive written application and oral interview process.

The main objective of the Missouri Agribusiness Academy is to provide an opportunity for students to view various facets of agriculture, visit agribusinesses, and meet leaders in agriculture, government and education. Other objectives are to aid students with communication skills and personal development.

Through participation in the academy, students will be able to view firsthand the many career opportunities available in agriculture and to plan their future career goals.

The FFA members who are nominated to be a part of this academy will be recognized Thursday afternoon.

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Victoria Maloch, National FFA Secretary, Emerson FFA –Emerson, Arkansas



"While all of my ribbons weren't blue, much more of a rainbow of colors actually, the skills I learned were invaluable," she said.

Maloch was elected to the 2014-15 National FFA Officer team as national secretary at the 87th National FFA Convention & Expo.

Originally from Emerson, Ark., and an agricultural business and pre-law major at the University of Arkansas, Maloch is a member of Chi Omega Sorority, active on the student

alumni board, in Collegiate FFA, with Collegiate Farm Bureau and is a Volunteer Action Center Literacy mentor.

As a student at Emerson High School in Columbia County Ark., she served as Arkansas FFA Association president, chapter president and secretary. Within FFA, she was the Star Chapter Farmer, state prepared public speaking winner and chairman of the state parliamentary procedure team among other great accomplishments.

Upon graduation from the University of Arkansas, Maloch plans to combine her love of talking and politics with her passion for agriculture by focusing on agricultural policy or agricultural lobbying as well as legislation regarding hunger and food insecurity. She would also like to serve as an elected official.

"As a national officer, I want to cultivate a passion for our organization and show members they too can have an impact on others, as long as they are placing the focus on other people instead of themselves," she said. "There could be no greater accomplishment than serving as the catalyst for students, lifting them up and turning their spark for FFA into a fire for them to share."

During her year of service Maloch hopes to encourage a more active and diverse membership and inspire passion for the organization in members.

TEACH AG WORKSHOP

Are you TAGGED to Teach Ag?

(Attendance by INVITATION ONLY)

1 p.m. , Friday, April 17 | Hearn Center Room 309

Presented by

Mrs. Paige Brock, Marshall FFA Advisor

Mrs. Brook Kreatz, Trenton FFA Advisor

Jack Green, Milan FFA Advisor

This high-energy, hands-on workshop will engage participants in activities that demonstrate the rewards and benefits of becoming an Agricultural Education teacher. Participants were selected in advance by local Agricultural Education instructors.

GUEST SPEAKER

Second General Session – Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Margie Vandeven, Missouri Commissioner of Education

Dr. Margie Vandeven was appointed Missouri's sixth Commissioner of Education by the State Board of Education in December 2014. She assumed her new role Jan. 1, 2015.



Dr. Vandeven began her education career in 1990 as a communication arts teacher in O'Fallon. From 1995-2002 she taught high school English and served as an administrator in Maryland, before returning to Missouri as an English teacher and administrator for three years at St. Dominic High School in O'Fallon.

In 2005 Dr. Vandeven joined the Department where she played a significant role in developing the fifth version of Missouri's School Improvement Program (MSIP 5). During her nine years with the Department, Dr. Vandeven served as a supervisor of the Missouri School Improvement Program (2005-07), Director of School Improvement and Accreditation (2007-08), Director of Accountability Data and Accreditation (2008-10), Assistant Commissioner for the Office of Quality Schools (2010-13) and most recently as Deputy Commissioner of Learning Services (2013-15).

During the last four years, Dr. Vandeven assisted with the planning and implementation of the Department's Top 10 by 20 initiative, which calls for Missouri to be one of the top 10 states for education by 2020.

Dr. Vandeven earned a bachelor's degree (1990) in education from Missouri State University and a master's degree in educational administration and supervision (2003) from Loyola College in Maryland. She received a doctorate of philosophy in educational leadership (2014) from Saint Louis University.

She and her husband, David, reside in O'Fallon.

NEW FFA CHAPTERS

New FFA chapters for the 2014-15 school year will be chartered during the second session program, 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 16.

Greenville
Orchard Farm
Northland Career Center
Malden
Saxony Lutheran

Congratulations and welcome to Missouri FFA!

GUEST SPEAKER

Fourth General Session – Friday, 6:00 p.m.

Kelly Barnes

Kelly was born and raised on a small family farm in eastern Oklahoma and his message is centered around the stories, life lessons and virtues he learned growing up.

Kelly's goal and mission in life is simple: "Helping people get from where they are to where they want to be." For the past decade Kelly has spoken to hundreds of thousands of people all across the U.S. His message is entertaining, inspiring and most importantly... SIMPLE. As one client put it; "Kelly has that rare ability to weave important life lessons through personal stories that will take you on a roller coaster of emotions. He is a great story teller. One that will make you laugh, make you think and above all make you want to get up and get better."



Kelly is an accomplished leader, entrepreneur and inspirational speaker who is equipped with the life lessons and experiences that truly develop the leader within those around him.

Kelly received his bachelor's degree from Oklahoma State University where he also served in numerous leadership roles including vice-president of the student government association. He is the recipient of the American FFA Degree, the highest degree bestowed by the National FFA Organization, and Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity's "Man of the Year" Award. When he is not speaking, Kelly enjoys running marathons, fishing and most of all spending time with his beautiful wife, Evan, and their two daughters, Mason and Bowen.

MISSOURI FFA FACTS

- ✓ Missouri FFA membership is 25,829 members.
- ✓ Missouri ranks fourth nationally in FFA membership.
- ✓ Missouri FFA will award 775 State FFA Degrees at this convention.
- ✓ Missouri has the largest number of American FFA Degree recipients of any state - 464 Missouri FFA members received the American FFA Degree in 2014.
- ✓ This year, 654 FFA members will be recognized with an FFA Proficiency Award for the development of their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) Program.
- ✓ That same SAE program generated over \$47 million in student income during the 2013-2014 school year across the state.

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

7:30 a.m. Interview State Officer Candidates (Hearnes Center 272 G)

8:00 a.m. Stage Practice (Hearnes Center Auditorium)

8:00 a.m. FFA Talent Rehearsal Time (Hearnes Center Auditorium)

8:30 – 5:00 p.m. Agricultural Issues Forum (Forum Christian Church)

9:00-11:30 a.m. Creed Speaking Preliminaries and Finals — (Hearnes Center 317)

10:15 a.m. Creed Finals (Hearnes Center 317)

10:00 a.m. Registration (Hearnes Center East Entrance Main Concourse)

10:30 a.m. FFA Talent Performers Meeting (Hearnes Center Auditorium)

11:00 a.m. State FFA Chorus Rehearsal (Mizzou Arena Foyer)

11:00 a.m. Career Development Events – See page 12

12:00 p.m. Leadership Workshops (Hearnes Center) – See page 14

Hearnes Center 307 Hearnes Center 309

Hearnes Center 311 Hearnes Center 317

Hampton Inn & Suites Conference Center (Missouri, Stephens, Columbia rooms)

12:30 p.m. Delegate Orientation and Business Session

Check in begins at 11:30 a.m. (Hearnes Center Auditorium)

1:00 p.m. Leadership Workshops (Hearnes Center) – See page 14

Hearnes Center 307 Hearnes Center 309

Hearnes Center 311 Hearnes Center 317

Hampton Inn & Suites Conference Center (Missouri, Stephens, Columbia rooms)

2:00 p.m. Area Star Farmer Interviews (Hearnes Center 309)

2:00 p.m. Area Star in Placement Interviews (Hearnes Center 307)

2:00 p.m. Area Star in Agribusiness Interviews (Hearnes Center 311)

2:00 p.m. Area Star in Agriscience Interviews (Hearnes Center 331)

2:00 p.m. FFA Talent

2:30 p.m. FIRST SESSION of the 87th Missouri State FFA Convention

3:00 p.m. FFA Alumni WLC Scholarship Interviews (Hearnes Center 272 G)

5:00 p.m. Dinner for Honorary State Degree Award Recipients (Hearnes Center 317)

Courtesy of Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives Inc.

5:45 p.m. FFA Talent/Pre-session

6:00 p.m. FFA Knowledge Contest—Hampton Inn & Suites Conference Center
(Missouri, Stephens, Columbia rooms))

6:30 p.m. SECOND SESSION of the 87th Missouri State FFA Convention

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

- 7:00 a.m. **Career Development Events** (See page 12 & 13)
- 8:00 a.m. **Parliamentary Procedure Registration**
(Stoney Creek Inn, 2601 South Providence)
- 8:00 a.m. **Registration** (Hearnes Center East Entrance Main Concourse)
- 8:00 a.m. **Division I Prepared Public Speaking Check-In** (FCC)
- 8:00 a.m. **Job Interview Check-In** (FCC)
- 8:30 a.m. **Extemporaneous Speaking Check-In** (FCC)
- 8:30 a.m. **Advanced Prepared Public Speaking Check-In** (FCC)
- 8:30 a.m. **State FFA Chorus Rehearsal** (Hearnes Center Auditorium)
- 9:00 a.m. **Agriculture Teachers Meeting** (Hampton Inn Conference Center)
- 9:00 a.m. **FFA Career Show**
- 9:15 a.m. **Leadership Workshops** (See page 15)
- 10:00 a.m. **Division II Prepared Public Speaking Check-In** (FCC)
- 10:30 a.m. **State FFA Alumni Convention** (Hampton Inn Conference Center)
- 10:30 a.m. **Leadership Workshops** (See page 15)
- 10:45 a.m. **State FFA Chorus Rehearsal** (Hearnes Center 324)
- 11:00 a.m. **Meeting for Retiring and New State FFA Officers and Parents**
(Hearnes Center Auditorium)
- 11:45 a.m. **Leadership Workshops** (See page 15)
- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch for Retiring and New State Officers and Parents -**
Courtesy of Missouri Farm Bureau (Lower Concourse)
- 1:00 p.m. **Job Interview Finals Check-In** (FCC)
- 1:00 p.m. **Extemporaneous Speaking Finals Check-In** (FCC)
- 1:00 p.m. **FFA Talent**
- 1:30 p.m. **Prepared Speaking Finals Check-In: Division I, Division II and Advanced** (FCC)
- 1:30 p.m. **THIRD SESSION of the 87th Missouri State FFA Convention**
- 2:00 p.m. **Advanced Prepared Public Speaking Finals** (FCC)
- 2:00 p.m. **Division I Prepared Public Speaking Finals** (FCC)
- 2:00 p.m. **Division II Prepared Public Speaking Finals** (FCC)
- 2:00 p.m. **Extemporaneous Speaking Finals** (FCC)
- 4:30 p.m. **Dinner for Retiring and New State FFA Officers and Parents**
(Hearnes Center Lower Concourse) Courtesy of FCS Financial
- 4:45 p.m. **FFA Talent/Pre-session**
- 5:00 p.m. **Seating of State Degree Candidates**
- 5:30 p.m. **2015 State FFA Chorus Concert** (Hearnes Center Auditorium)
- 6:00 p.m. **FOURTH SESSION of the 87th Missouri State FFA Convention**

NOTE: FCC = Forum Christian Church at 3900 Forum Blvd.